
ELECTIONS

MISSION

To provide free, open, honest, and professionally managed election services to our community. The BOE is unique among government agencies providing goods and services to their citizens. This office has the responsibility for protecting the will of the people; protecting democracy as a concept and form of government; and for establishing fairness and equity for all in the process of self governance.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This agency is responsible for voter registration and conducting all elections held within Durham County in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws. This office also establishes election precincts, appoints election officials, registers, removes, and updates voter records, and examines voter petitions. The duties also include maintaining voting equipment and election records, administering absentee voting laws, canvassing election returns, issuing certificates of election, providing statistical and demographic information to citizens and candidates, monitoring and posting campaign finance reports, hearing appeals, and conducting investigations alleged voting irregularities. The BOE also advises the public and media on all aspects of elections and election services.

2002-03 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Earned and maintained the public's trust.
- Successfully conducted a partisan primary and school board election.
- Successfully conducted a general election.
- Successfully implemented and conducted the first computerized one stop no excuse absentee voting at four separate locations.
- Implemented court ordered redistricting. Conducted elections with four new NC House and two new NC Senate districts.
- Served as a source of information and education for community schools, clubs, PACs, groups, candidates, media, and political parties.
- Established new polling locations in precincts 18 and 35.
- Successfully conducted a geo-code clean up of the entire database to insure all voters vote in their correct precinct and are assigned to their correct jurisdictions.
- Successfully conducted state mandated list maintenance.

- Designed and implemented a new poll book system which greatly reduced errors on election day and also increased the accuracy of posting voter history to greater than 99%.
- Trained and certified over 400 precinct workers.
- Successfully maintained and improved our database of over 158,000 voters, changing 10,000 addresses and other information, registering over 13,000 new voters, removing 6,000, and changing 10,000 from active to inactive.

2003-2004 OBJECTIVES

- Conduct a municipal primary.
- Conduct a municipal election and county bond referendum.
- Conduct a Presidential primary, partisan primary, and school board election.
- Conduct 2nd primary and school board run-off election.
- Adjust and split selected precincts.
- Implement state legislature mandated or court ordered redistricting.
- Continue to professionally maintain our database.
- Appoint and train new precinct officials.
- Implement new federal election law.
- Continue to earn and maintain the public's trust.